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5 May 1952

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Administration)

FROM: Deputy Director (Intelligence)

SUBJECT: References to CIA in PSB staff paper, entitled "Report on Social Science Research in Cold War Operations," as prepared by Mr. Henry Loomis, dated 11 April 1952

REFERENCES: (a) Letter from Tracy Barnes to Loftus Becker, dated May 2, 1952, with attached memorandum from Loomis to Barnes dated April 29, 1952

(b) Memorandum from Mr. [] to Deputy Director/Intelligence, dated 23 April 1952

(c) Letter from Tracy Barnes to Mr. Allen W. Dulles, dated April 15, 1952, with attached copy of such Report.

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1. The background of this matter, as known to me, is as follows:

a. Subject Report was instituted as a PSB staff project. So far as I am aware, it has not been formally cleared with PSB itself.

b. In the course of preparing this Report, Henry Loomis of the PSB staff held certain informal discussions with Dr. Millikan, who was then AD/RR. After some of these conversations had been held, a formal request was made on CIA to furnish research breakdown figures to Mr. Loomis for the purposes of his study.

c. The question of furnishing the requested information was referred through you to Mr. Saunders, who advised this office that CIA had not previously authorized a dissemination of such figures outside CIA. Mr. Saunders further advised that this limitation on dissemination was applied even as to the Bureau of the Budget, which was cooperating with Mr. Loomis in his study. Accordingly, it was felt that release of such figures to the PSB staff could be a source of embarrassment for CIA vis-a-vis the Bureau of the Budget.

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d. Upon being so advised, the undersigned requested Mr. Saunders to have prepared a letter of reply to the PSB staff indicating that CIA would be unable to furnish the figures desired.

e. In the meantime, the making of the request had been reported in the Director's Log and noted by the DCI, who indicated his view that the figures in question should not be furnished.

f. After receiving the CIA letter refusing to furnish these figures, Tracy Barnes telephoned the undersigned and requested authority to have Loomis discuss the research problem generally with Dr. Millikan. During this conversation, Mr. Becker made it plain to Mr. Barnes:

1. That the DCI himself had disapproved the furnishing of figures.

2. That CIA could not, in the light of the foregoing, agree to the inclusion of such figures in the proposed PSB staff Report.

2. Notwithstanding this background, the PSB staff Report as prepared by Mr. Loomis, contained references to CIA and figures respecting amounts allocated to research which, although rounded off, are generally accurate, as indicated by Mr. [] memorandum dated 23 April 1952, Reference (b), attached.

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3. The PSB draft memorandum, containing such figures, was hand-carried by Mr. Barnes to Mr. Dulles, who was not fully informed as to the foregoing background, with a request for clearance. Mr. Dulles, in turn, referred the same to the undersigned.

4. Mr. Becker called Mr. Barnes' attention, by phone, to the fact that this Report, in its present form, was contrary to the understanding previously reached, which, on the part of CIA, was a position taken pursuant to specific instructions by the DCI. Mr. Barnes undertook to review the Report and consider deletion of all references to CIA. Thereafter, Mr. Barnes sent to Mr. Becker the letter dated May 2, 1952 (Reference (a)) in which he indicates unwillingness to delete references to CIA.

5. Under the circumstances, I plan to call the foregoing to the attention of the Director and to recommend that Mr. Barnes be

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informed that CIA will not authorize the release of said Report containing breakdowns of CIA research figures, and will insist upon the destruction of the copies thereof containing such figures. Before so doing, I should like to be assured:

a. That the release of these figures in the form in which they are set out in the Loomis draft Report would be contrary to previously-established policy of CIA; and

b. That such policy has heretofore been applied in dealings with the Budget Bureau.

SIGNED

Loftus E. Becker

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